

A Brief History



**Birthing Kit
Foundation**
Australia

1999

100 clean birth kits, packed by Adelaide Hills Zonta Club, are distributed to Papua New Guinea.

2005

120,000 clean birth kits have been assembled and distributed through the "Zonta Birthing Kit Project"

2006

The "Birthing Kit Foundation Australia" is established as a for purpose charity

2007

BKFA becomes a signatory of the Australian Council for International Development

2009

Locally produced clean birth kits are made in Ethiopia by the Afar Pastoralist Development Association, supported by BKFA

2010

40,000 kits are delivered by the Australian Defence Force to war-torn Afghanistan

2011

Kits are delivered by air freight instead of by sea

2012

1 million birthing kits are made!

2013

The first "train-the-trainer" program is run in DR Congo

2014

MUN Australia become a major sponsor of the birth kit project

2015

15,000 kits are made in one day by volunteers from the Zonta Brisbane Breakfast Club

2017-2018

Staff from BKFA travel to Uganda and India, connecting with field partners and exploring future opportunities to support women and girls

2019

2 million kits are distributed globally in partnership with over 100,000 Australians

2020

BKFA commences trading as "KIT International"

